

**Regents Canoe Club**  
**Special General Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

SGM requested by Claire Taylor (*Equipment Officer*) to discuss purchase of new boats.

**1. Present:** Claire Taylor, Karen Shaw Wilson (*Chair*), Dan Tattersall (*Minutes*), Claire Lancaster, Genia Gulyas, Sarah James, Pau Wong, James Boyd-Wallis, Sam Weitzel, Ollie Williams, Steve Hatton, Caroline Robson, Mark Rowe, Paul Wathan, Steve Smith, Hugo Mulder, Christine Dove.

**2. Apologies:** Alix Cordell.

**3. Boat purchases since the 2007 Equipment SGM.**

CT shared with the meeting information on the boats that have been purchased as a result of the decisions made at the 2007 Equipment SGM. These were a Pyranha G3, Liquid Logic Jefe, Liquid Logic Lil' Joe, Liquid Logic Cross River 250, Dagger G Force 6.1 and a Pyranha S6. CT also updated the meeting on the boats that have been disposed of as agreed, and boats that have been donated to the club.

**4. Review of boat hire over past year.**

CT provided the meeting with statistics indicating the most popular boats according to rental records, and pointed out that additionally other boats are popular for use on the canal.

**5. Purchases this year**

**5A. Committee Recommendations**

CT informed the meeting that the committee recommends spending approximately £2500 on about 6 boats with a focus on members who are above or below average size. Suggestions included a Pyranha H3 255, Liquid Logic Hoss, Pyranha Inazone 220, Liquid Logic Trigger, Perception Sonic and a play boat. Additionally Sarah James mentioned a Pyranha Ammo.

**5B. Members Selling Boats**

A number of members have approached CT asking if the club would be interested in purchasing their boats. These include a Dagger RPM, Pyranha I3 222 and a Pyranha I3 221. After a short discussion the meeting decided that these purchases would not complement the current fleet.

**5C. Suggestion from Members**

CT summarised the suggestions received from members. These included a large Pyranha Burn, a K1 Racer, a Perception Method Air and a White Water-spec Open Boat, as well as general requests for boats for both larger and smaller paddlers. Paul Wathan suggested the Pyranha Burn would make a good choice.

Two suggestions were initially discussed in detail; a K1 racer and a white water spec open Canadian canoe. Although there was support for both, in both cases the meeting decided that neither of these should form one of the six boats to be purchased this year. The K1 racer is fragile, difficult to store and relatively expensive, and it is unclear how popular it will be. Similarly questions were raised about the amount of use a white water spec open boat would see, particularly in relation to the cost. However it was suggested that one of the current club open boats could be sold to finance the purchase of a boat. As any difference in price that would need to be met by the club would not be classed as a large expenditure, this can be agreed by the committee in one of their regular meetings.

After a further discussion, a decision was made on the type of boats that should be purchased. Approximately two boats should be suitable for a larger paddler, one boat for an average paddler and two boats for a smaller paddler, with the final boat being a play-boat. Although specific makes and models of boat were suggested, the meeting agreed to leave the final decision to the Equipment Officer based on price and availability.

Steve Smith requested that the play boat choice should be for a larger paddler. The meeting agreed.

#### **6. Disposal of Boats**

CT informed the meeting about the need for disposing of less well used boats. The meeting agreed with her suggestion to allow the decisions to be made by the committee, adopting a “one in, one out” policy.

#### **7. Other Kit**

CT informed the meeting of plans to repair / replace / upgrade other smaller item of kit. These expenses will be agreed at the next committee meeting.